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FORTNIGHTLY

# SONIC

## THE COMIC

**get**  
*it on!*



FREE GIFT MISSING?  
HURRY! YOUR NEWSPAPER NOW!



**NEW STORIES!**

**Sonic!**

**Tails!**

**Robotnik!**

**PLUS WORLDWIDE SOCCER 97 REVIEW, BADNIK PIN-UP & MORE!**



# CONTROL

## ZONE

Hey, Boomers,

Let's face it, the exclusive Sonic Badge on the front cover is a totally handsome gift! Wear your hedgehog with pride and you'll really stand out from the crowd (you can pay me that money now Sonic!).

Some other goodies to pin down this issue are three new stories, starting with Sega's twenty-four hour hero, Sonic! Tails returns as the Furtual Reality fox, and it's show-time in Sonic's World with Mock the Doc!

Looking ahead to STC's next pulse-racing Valentine's issue (see below), Boomers will be glad to know that Decap Attack return for a hearty new series (plus, there's a double-page pin-up). So I'll be with you in a fortnight come rain or come shine, and remember Boomers, you needn't snow me under with your adoring cards. Oh, alright then, if you have to!

*Megadroid*

# SEGA

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↑ up/down RE/NEW entry ● non mover

## MEGA DRIVE

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## HEARTENING NEWS...



THE MANIACS ARE BACK  
IN A 'DEAD' GOOD NEW STORY & PIN-UP!

PLUS

SONIC!  
DOOMSDAY!

KNUCKLES!  
VICTIMS!

SONIC'S WORLD!  
BOILING POINT!

CHANGE OF ART!  
GROOVY GRAPHICS!

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AN AVERAGE DAY IN THE  
MUTANT VILLAGE  
DISTRICT OF NEW TEK  
CITY...

**SMASHH!**

OUTTA MY WAY!  
NOTHIN' STOPS...  
THE YOB!

HELP! THAT  
FAT-BUT-FEARSOME  
FIEND THE YOB  
HAS ROBBED  
THE BANK!

AGAIN!



SINCE I'M TRAPPED IN THIS  
SO-CALLED SPECIAL ZONE, I MIGHT  
AS WELL MAKE MYSELF USEFUL...

DROP  
THE DOSH,  
LARDY!

UH? WHO  
ARE YOU?







BUTT OUT, HEDGEHOG! WE'VE GOT OUR OWN HEROES TO DEAL WITH VILLAINS LIKE THE YOB!

EH?



HERE THEY COME NOW! YAYYY!

WHO ARE THEY?



THEY CALL THEMSELVES... THE ZED MONKEYS!

CYCLECLIPS! TEAM LEADER!

ARMPIT! — HOLD YOUR NOSES!

GREYJEANS! — WILD BUT WELL-GROOMED!

SNOW MONKEY! — CHIMP OF CHILL!

CHIMPOLINE! — THE ANGRY APE!











SOON, ON THE OUTSKIRTS  
OF THE CITY...

THIS LOOKS  
LIKE THE RIGHT  
PLACE!

PROFESSOR  
ZED'S  
SCHOOL FOR  
GIFTED  
MONKEYS

YOU TOO CAN HAVE A BODY LIKE  
MINE. IF YOU FOLLOW A REGULAR  
HERO HOUR! FLEX AND POSE,  
JUNIOR ZED MONKEYS!

LET ME GUESS...  
PROFESSOR ZED!

SMAASHH!

WHAT IS THE MEANING  
OF THIS INTRUSION?

CHIMPOLINE TOLD ME  
THE CITY'S CRIME RATE  
INCREASES EACH TIME  
YOUR ZED MONKEYS STOP  
FOR A HERO HOUR!

BIT OF A  
COINCIDENCE.  
WOULDN'T YOU  
SAY?

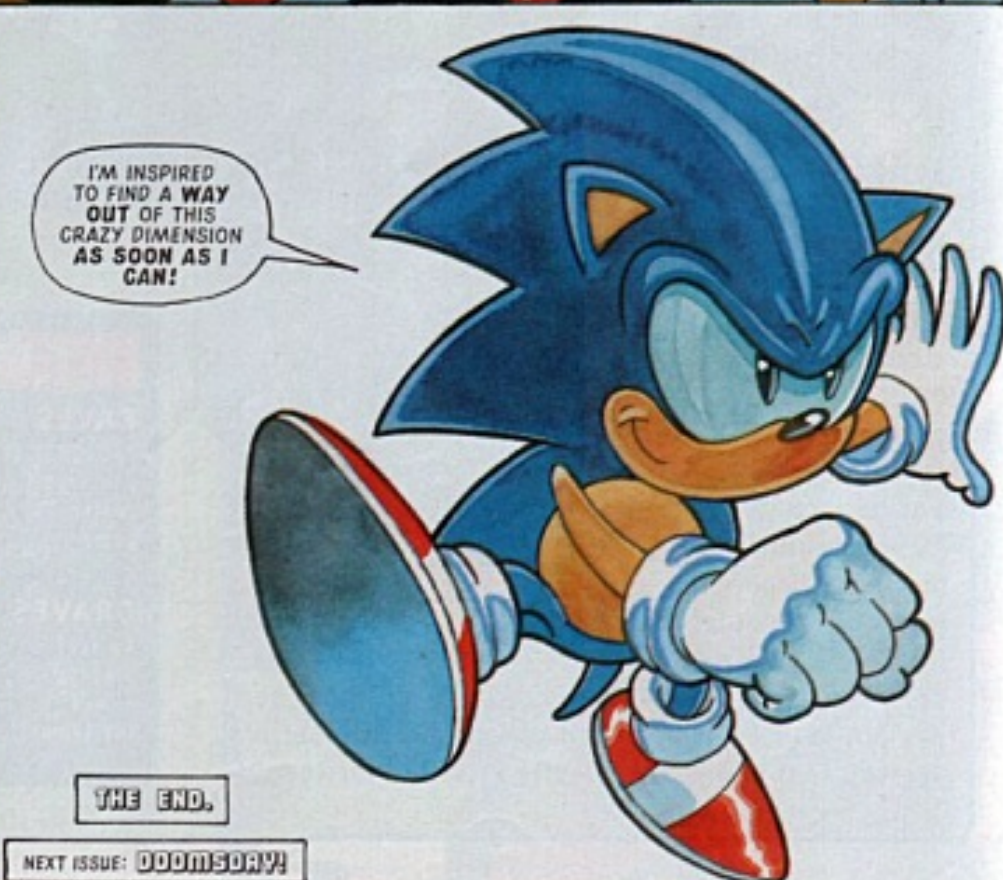
KEEP OUT OF OUR  
MONKEY BUSINESS.  
HEDGEHOG!

COOL IT,  
BONEHEADS!  
LISTEN TO  
ME!











# REVIEW ZONE

YOUR GUIDE TO NEW GAMES RELEASES FOR THE SEGA SYSTEMS

STC'S RATING SYSTEM  
UNDER 40 = YAWNsville

40-70 = NORMALSville  
70-80 = FUN CITY

80-90 = BIG TIME CITY  
OVER 90 = MEGA CITY

## WORLDWIDE SOCCER '97

Reviewed by Chris Jones.



GAME TYPE: SPORT  
PLAYERS: 1-2

PUBLISHER: SEGA  
PRICE: £44.99

RELEASE DATE: OUT NOW  
AGE SUITABILITY: ALL

"Small boys in the park, jumpers for goal posts, rush goalie... Hmm...marvellous!" So might say Ron Manager, the comic character from 'Beeb' 2's *The Fast Show*, if he saw *Worldwide Soccer '97*. This new soccer sim on the Saturn easily eclipses all previous attempts to capture the game of 22 men and a leather ball on a games machine.

*Worldwide Soccer '97* is as close as you can get to an arcade soccer machine at home, without moving into an arcade. Featuring all the international teams, various tactics and different tournaments this is more fun than watching a nil-nil draw on TV. The basic controls allow you to pass, chip and shoot but you can improve your skills with practice and perform one-two's, shimmies and bicycle kicks. As for the

graphics and animation, they are premier league standard with players able to trap the ball, turn and dribble, stumble and even jog backwards when defending!

The gameplay may take a while to master but soon you can be playing like Manchester United. There are options to choose from such as one of three stadiums to play in, and you can play day or night and in rain or shine. Gary Bloom, *Football Italia*'s man behind the mike, provides the commentary and his words only add to the excellent gameplay and atmosphere. This is a tremendous effort all round; the lads have given 110% and I can't ask for more than that. They've set their stall out early on and played a blinder!



### FINAL COUNTDOWN

#### RAVES

"GOOOAAAAAL!"  
The Brazil of football games.



GRAPHICS 95

SOUND 90

#### GRAVES

No real players names in the teams.



PLAYABILITY 90

OVERALL 92



THE MYSTICAL ELDER TREE HAS BEEN DESTROYED,  
AND NOW THE ANCIENT TREES HAVE SWORN TO TAKE  
THEIR REVENGE ON PLANET MOBIUS.

KEEP  
YOUR EYES PEELED...  
THE BAD GUYS ARE STILL  
AROUND HERE  
SOMEWHERE!

# KNUCKLES ROOTS



Script: NIGEL KITCHING  
Art: NIGEL DORRIN  
Lettering: SCOTTA FILL

Part 1

BRAKKA-  
BRAKKA-  
BRAKKA!

YOU  
GOT THAT  
RIGHT!

HAVEN'T  
YOU CLOWNS  
DONE ENOUGH  
DAMAGE?

WOKK!

EBONY,  
BEHIND  
YOU!



OMEN!  
NOW WHAT ARE  
YOU UP TO, YOU  
WEIRDO?



IT'S A  
NEW SPELL I RECENTLY  
PERFECTED... BUT I DON'T  
THINK YOU'RE GOING  
TO LIKE IT!

TENDRILS  
SPRINGING UP...  
TOO MANY FOR  
ME TO STOP!



YOUR  
MAGIC ALWAYS WAS  
INFERIOR TO MINE  
AND THIS PROVES  
IT!




DON'T  
WORRY, EBONY,  
I'LL SOON FREE YOU!  
IT'LL ONLY TAKE A  
SECOND TO FINISH  
OFF THIS  
BOZO!




THAT'S  
WHAT YOU  
THINK,  
PAL!








IF ANYONE  
MOVES A MUSCLE,  
MY ASSOCIATE HERE  
WILL BLOW ALL YOUR  
HEADS CLEAN  
OFF!



SEE HOW  
THE FLESH CREATURES  
THINK OF NOTHING BUT  
DESTRUCTION!

THE  
TIME HAS COME  
FOR US TO **ERASE**  
THEM FROM PLANET  
MOBIUS!



YOU THINK  
YOU CAN TAKE  
OVER THE PLANET?  
DON'T MAKE ME  
LAUGH!

DON'T  
BE A FOOL,  
OMEN!

WE HAVE  
SEEN THE **POWER**  
OF YOU TREES; HOW  
YOU MADE THIS  
ENTIRE FOREST GROW  
IN MINUTES!

I KNOW MY  
KIND HAVE CAUSED  
GREAT **DESTRUCTION**  
AMONGST YOUR RACE...  
I CAN'T CHANGE THAT,  
THOUGH I WISH  
I COULD!

BUT  
WE'VE **TRIED**  
TO DO BETTER. THE  
REASON SOME OF  
US ARE HERE NOW  
IS THAT WE WERE  
TRYING TO **HELP**  
YOU...


WHAT  
WOULD THE  
**ELDER TREE**  
HAVE DONE?













WHAT  
EXACTLY DO YOU  
THINK WE MEANT  
BY THAT?

SEARCH  
ME!


EPILOGUE:



TWO DAYS LATER, DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK HAS FENCED  
OFF THE ENTIRE FOREST  
WITH FIRM ORDERS THAT  
NOBODY MAY ENTER.




THE FOREST IS A HAVEN  
OF NATURAL BEAUTY IN  
THE MIST OF ROBOTNIK'S  
EVIL EMPIRE.



HOWEVER, ONE SPOT IS MORE  
SACRED THAN ANY OTHER.

THE PLACE WHERE THE  
ELDER TREE ONCE STOOD.



THE PLACE WHERE  
THE ELDER TREE  
WILL SOME DAY  
GROW ONCE MORE.

NEXT ISSUE: **KNUCKLES** BEGINS A NEW ADVENTURE.



# TAILS

COMPLETE  
STORY

## FURTUAL REALITY

Script: LEW STRINGER  
Art: ROBERTO CORONA  
Colouring: STEVE WHITE  
Lettering: GORDON ROBSON

AS ONE OF THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS  
ON PLANET MOBIUS, TAILS IS  
HONEST, HEROIC, AND COURAGEOUS...

...BUT HE CAN ALSO  
BE TOO TRUSTING!

WOW! A  
FAN CLUB  
FOR ME?

TAILS IS HEREBY  
INVITED TO MEET  
HIS ADORING  
FANS IN THE  
CASINO NIGHT  
ZONE!

WE LOVE  
TAILS!

TAILS IS A  
FOXY FOX!

I MUSTN'T KEEP MY  
PUBLIC WAITING!

SOON, TAILS EAGERLY  
ARRIVES AT THE  
CASINO NIGHT ZONE...

I GUESS MY FANS  
WANT TO THANK ME  
FOR HELPING THEM  
A WHILE BACK! \*

\* SHAME ON YOU IF YOU  
MISSED THE FUN IN STC  
#80 & 81 - Megadroid.











OH YES, LIFE'S  
A GAMBLE WHEN  
YOU MESS WITH  
MAX!

HEY! I LIKE THE  
SOUND OF THAT!  
MAYBE I'LL USE IT  
AS MY CATCHPHRASE!



TAILS! HOW DID  
YOU FIND ME?

YOUR ADDRESS IS  
IN THE 'PHONE BOOK,  
LIZARD-LIPS!



BAH! LIFE'S  
A GAM-HEY!  
WHERE'D HE  
GO?



CARE FOR  
A FREE  
FLIGHT, MAX?  
WHEW! YOU  
SHOULD  
LOVE SOME  
WEIGHT?

WHAT  
ARE YOU  
PLAYING  
AT?  
PUT ME  
DOWN!

OOPS! SORRY, BUT CAN I  
HELP IT IF YOU'RE ALL SLIMY?



UGGH! YOU'LL  
PAY DOUBLE FOR  
THIS, FOX!

THUD!

NOW YOU'RE  
FOR IT! OKAY,  
GANG, GO FOR  
THE SQUIRT!







NEXT ISSUE: DUE TO BOOMER DEMAND  
THOSE MAD DECAPPERS RETURN!



# PIXEL ZONE

EACH ARTIST-HUME WHO GETS THEIR HANDYWORK PRINTED IN STC WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF CRAYOLA MINI STAMPERS 2, SHAPED-NIBBED, COLOUR PENS.

Decap Attack return in a 'Dead' good adventure next issue!



Marc Hull, Henleaze, Bristol.  
Crayola Mini Stampers 2 Pack Winner.

# SONIC THE! HEDGEHOG

Thomas Hargreaves,  
Woodcote, Oxfordshire.  
MD owner.  
Crayola Mini Stampers 2  
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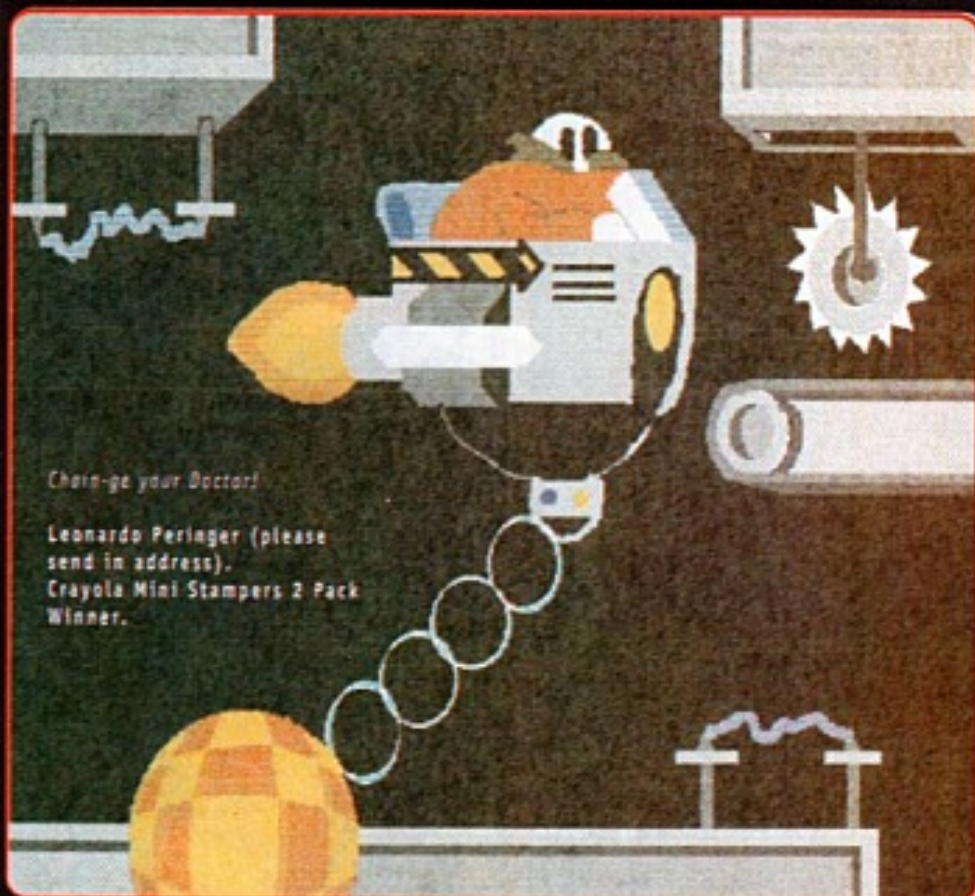
Tails reaches new heights!

Malcolm Destro, Alloa, Scotland.  
Crayola Mini Stampers 2 Pack Winner.



Chin-ge your Doctor!

Leonardo Peringer (please  
send in address).  
Crayola Mini Stampers 2 Pack  
Winner.



Matthew Maughan, Whickham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.  
MD owner. Crayola Mini Stampers 2 Pack Winner.



Oh Brother



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EVERY NIGHT AT SIX O'CLOCK, EVERY FAMILY IN EVERY ZONE, GATHERS AROUND THEIR TV TO WATCH DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S DAILY BROADCAST. NO ONE WANTS TO, BUT IT'S THE LAW.

DO AS YOU'RE TOLD!

AW, MUM! WHY CAN'T WE WATCH ZONE AND AWAY ON CHANNEL SIX?

BECAUSE IF WE DON'T WATCH THIS CHANNEL, DOCTOR ROBOTNIK WILL TAKE DADDY AWAY AND TURN HIM INTO A BADNIK!

GULP!

BUT, SUDDENLY...

KKZZT... WE INTERRUPT THIS BORING SPEECH TO BRING YOU LIVE ENTERTAINMENT!

OOER! IT'S ON THE BLINK!

SONIC'S WORLD

COMPLETE STORY

# MOCK THE DOC

Script: LEW STRINGER Art: NIGEL DOBBYN Lettering: ANNIE PARKHOUSE

HI! I'M MATTHEW CORGI! YOUR HOST FOR TONIGHT'S NEW GAME SHOW, MOCK THE DOC! WOOOO!













GOYCHA! NOW,  
EVERYONE WILL  
SEE WHAT HAPPENS  
TO PEOPLE WHO  
MOCK THE DOG!  
I'M GOING TO  
ENJOY THIS!

BUT... THE TROOPERS  
ARE CONFUSED...

DOCTOR  
ROBOTNIK?

THAT'S NOT  
THE MASTER!  
THIS IS!



THE ROBOTS  
AREN'T BRIGHT  
ENOUGH TO KNOW  
YOU'RE ALL FAKES!  
PLAY IT UP,  
GANG!



TROOPER!  
OBEY ME!

UH?

IGNORE  
HIM! OBEY  
ME!

I'M THE  
FATTEST!  
OBEY ME!

DOES NOT  
COMPLTE!

MY BRAIN  
HURTS!



ANYONE  
WHO FOLLOWS  
A FAKE MASTER  
IS A TRAITOR!  
AAGHH!

Y'KNOW, I  
THINK WE'VE  
ALL BEEN  
TRICKED!  
NNGGHH!

WOOO!  
GREAT TV!

BLAM!

ZLAM!



THE IDIOTS! BAH!  
I SHOULD NEVER  
TRUST A ROBOT TO DO  
A MAN'S JOB! I'LL  
DEAL WITH THIS  
PERSONALLY!

BUT BY THE TIME  
ROBOTNIK ARRIVES...

THEY'VE  
ESCAPED! STILL,  
AT LEAST I'M  
SPARED ANY  
FURTHER  
EMBARRASSMENT!

OH, NO!  
THAT CAMERA'S  
STILL ROLLING!  
BAHH!

SMILE!

IT'S A SHOW  
THAT EVERYONE'S  
BEEN WATCHING...

HA HA! OLD  
LARD BELLY WILL  
NEVER LIVE THIS  
DOWN!

HE'S LOST  
HIS COOL  
AND LOOKS  
A FOOL!

LATER, BACK  
AT CITADEL  
ROBOTNIK...

NOTHING ON  
TV TONIGHT,  
SIR?

SHUT  
LIP!

THE END.

BUT STAY TUNED TO STC EVERY FORTNIGHT, BOOMERS!





# SPEED LINES

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... OR USE THE E-MAIL SERVICE (SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS).



Andy Watts  
sonic@dial.pipex.com

## HANDY ANDY!

Dear Megadroid,

Thought you might be interested in a Sonic picture which I drew on my PC using Corel Draw (see above). Even if I am 18 years of age, I still think it would be way cool if you could print it in *STC*! Can you help?

Andy Watts, Romsey, Hampshire.  
Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



Anything to help the aged, Andy!

## TAKING THE HICKEY!

Q: How did Tails do in his exams?

A: He passed with flying colours!

Darren Hickey, Ballovalane,

Co Cork, Rep of Ireland.

MD owner.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.

EVERYTHING PRINTED IN  
SPEEDLINES WINS A  
SENSATIONAL  
SEGA MEGA HOG TAG!



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if you want to win a prize!

## PARENTAL APPROVAL!

Dear *STC*,

I'm not the only one in our house who's a Chaotix fan, and to prove it here's a picture drawn by my mum (see below) who - like me - reads the comic each fortnight!

Matt Page, Worthing, W Sussex.

MD owner.

Sega Mega Hog Tag Winner.



That's what I call a superior mother, Matt!

